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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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SUBJ: BREAK-IN AT AMERICAN EMBASSY KINGSTON

1. ON JULY 2 BETWEEN 0506 AND 0545, THE EMBASSY CHANCERY AT 43 DUKE STREET WAS BROKEN INTO BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF MEN. ENTRY WAS MADE BREAKING A FRONT SECOND FLOOR WINDOW AND CUTTING A STEEL GRILL BAR WITH A HACK SAW. BURGLARS SEARCHED AND PARTIALLY RANSACKED MOST OF THE OFFICES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE EMBASSY (WHICH CONTAIN ADMIN AND AID SECTIONS) AND BROKE INTO MARINE GUARD ROOM. FROM LATTER, BURGLARS TOOK ONE U.S. GOVERNMENT 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN, A .22 CALIBER AUTOMATIC RIFLE, AND AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF SHOTGUN AMMUNITION BELONGING TO GSO. BOTH WEAPONS AND THE AMMUNITION WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED BY MSG'S DURING A SEARCH OF THE AREA AROUND THE EMBASSY. IT WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL TOMORROW (WHEN EMPLOYEES RETURN TO WORK AFTER THE LOCAL HOLIDAY) IF ANYTHING IS MISSING.

2. MSG ON DUTY ADVISED THAT HE HEARD A NOISE ON ON SECOND FLOOR AT ABOUT 0545. UPON INVESTIGATION HE FOUND THE BROKEN WINDOW AND SAW A MAN ON THE LEDGE OUTSIDE. THE MSG ORDERED THE MAN TO STOP. HE STARTED
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TO RUN AND MSG FIRED HIS PISTOL TWICE. BURGLAR WAS

NOT HIT.

3. THE ONLY SECURITY CONTAINER BROKEN INTO WAS THE RSO'S
BAR LOCK WHICH CONTAINED SECURITY FILES ON FORMER FSLE'S.
NOTHING FROM THE BAR LOCK APPEARED TO BE MISSING.
UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT MADE TO FORCE HIS MOSLER SECURITY
SAFE.

4. POLICE INVESTIGATORS, INCLUDING FINGER
PRINT EXPERTS, HAVE COMPLETED THEIR INVESTIGATION AT THE
EMBASSY.

5. EMBASSY PREVENTIVE ACTION BEING TAKEN AS FOLLOWS.

A. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, MSG'S WILL BE REQUIRED TO INCREASE
THEIR SECURITY CHECKS FROM ONE AN HOUR TO TWO AN HOUR;

B. A REQUEST WILL BE MADE TO THE LOCAL POLICE TO
INCREASE THEIR MOBILE PATROLS AROUND THE EMBASSY.

C. WEAPONS HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM THE GUARD ROOM TO THE VAULT.
GERARD

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